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SUBJECT: FRENCH DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE: EASTERN EUROPEAN
REACTION

1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON WITH VISITING ACDA STAFF
MEMBER ALFRED BARR JULY 26, JACQUES DE LA FERRIERE
(PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AT QUAI D'ORSAY) PROVIDED RUNDOWN
OF EASTERN EUROPEAN REACTIONS TO FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR
EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. AFTER NOTING THAT THE
SOVIETS WERE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA, DE LA FERRIERE
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DESCRIBED OTHER REACTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
-- THE ROMANIANS ARE VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED
TOWARD THE FRENCH INITIATIVE AND WERE VERY POSITIVE IN
THEIR REACTION TO IT DURING THE RECENT PARIS VISIT OF THE
ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. HOWEVER, WHEN THE FRENCH SUG-
GESTED THAT THE ROMANIAN POSITION BE INCLUDED IN THE FI-
NAL COMMUNIQUE, THE ROMANIANS BACKED OUT.

-- THE POLES, WHILE FOLLOWING THE SOVIET POSITION IN SUBSTANCE, HAVE BEEN "WARMER IN THEIR REACTION AND HAVE POSED INTERESTING AND SERIOUS QUESTIONS". UNFORTUNATELY, SAID DE LA FERRIERE, THE POLES HAVE NO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIETS.

-- THE YUGOSLAVS ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE FRENCH PROPOSITION BUT FAVOR INCLUDING NUCLEAR AS WELL AS CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN THE CONFERENCE. NONETHELESS, DE LA FERRIERE STILL HOPES TO HAVE YUGOSLAV ASSISTANCE IN MOBILIZING PUBLIC OPINION BEHIND THE FRENCH PROJECT.

2. DE LA FERRIERE SAID THAT THE FRENCH, IN PRESENTING THEIR PLAN AT NATO IN SEPTEMBER, WOULD HAVE SOME "NEW IDEAS" BUT HE PROVIDED NO SPECIFICS AS TO WHAT THEY MIGHT BE. HE SPOKE OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 1979 AS THE TARGET DATE FOR LAUNCHING THE NEW DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.
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